A Nation Emerges Name\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**From Washington's Farewell Address of 1796**

… the common and continual mischiefs [trouble] of the spirit of parties are sufficient to make it the interest and duty of a wise people to discourage and restrain it.

It serves always to distract the public councils and enfeeble [reduce the strength of] the public administration. It agitates [stirs up and disturbs] the community with ill-founded jealousies and false alarms, kindles [creates] the animosity [a feeling of hostility and resentment] of one part against another, foments [to cause or stir up trouble or rebellion] occasionally riot and insurrection [rebellion]. It opens the door to foreign influence and corruption [dishonest behavior for personal gain], which finds a facilitated access to the government itself through the channels of party passions. Thus the policy and the will of one country are subjected to the policy and will of another.

1. Why did Washington feel political parties are dangerous?

2. What did Washington believe people should do about political parties?

1. Washington does not mention western Pennsylvania or the Whiskey Rebellion in this passage. Based on what you have learned about the Whiskey Rebellion, what evidence do you see in this passage that Washington had this rebellion in mind as he wrote and delivered his Farewell Address?

**The first partisan divergence:**

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| Federalists | Democratic-Republicans |
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**Analysis questions:**

1. Whose view of the federal government would a wealthy person have been more likely to favor? Why?
2. How do you think Jefferson differed from Hamilton in his view of people and human nature?